

July 1964

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 27 - 8:00 P.M.

St. Stephen Martyr Church Hall

25th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue

P R O G R A M

Lecture-Tour of St. Stephen Martyr Church
and

Art Fair --- Exhibit of Local Artists' Works

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** The announcement of newly appointed Committee
 ** Chairmen will be made in the next issue of the
 ** NEWS.

** The Foggy Bottom Association meets on the last
 ** Monday of each month. The NEWS is published
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 ** the meeting date. All copy is required by the
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 NATIONAL SYMPHONY EXTENDS CAMPAIGN

Due to circumstances beyond our control, i. e., the very wet month of March, a very frustrating strike, the physical changes in Foggy Bottom, not only new places for old, but also new faces for old, we have had ourselves quite a time and have extended the campaign through the month of July.

The editorial "we" refers to the nine very dedicated Foggy Bottom workers for the Symphony campaign:

Mrs. Harry Brown, 819 - 25th Street	333-7186
Mrs. Daniel Bumstead, 2528 Queen Anne's	338-6693
Mrs. Joan Clark, 2401 H Street	338-4038
Mrs. Charlotte Eisler, 939B - 25th Street	333-1649
Miss Mary Grier, 2123 Eye Street	337-2500
Miss Mary Guggenheimer, 940 - 25th St.	337-8551
Miss Morella Hansen, 2415 Eye Street	333-6382
Miss Elizabeth Harter, 2409 Eye Street	338-2898
Miss Kathy Morgan, 922 - 24th Street	333-5713

We have not quite reached the quota assigned for Foggy Bottom, so if you were not at home when the Symphony representative called, it would be so good of you to dial her number this evening and invite her to come and pick up your contribution to this so very important cause. Or, you may mail your check to me directly -- it's my privilege to be their captain.

Ida Rud Falconer
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DISTRICT AFFAIRS

Alex E. Wiskup, Chairman

Congratulations to the Cafritz interests on improving the appearance of its private parking lot on 26th Street, between K and L Streets. The Association did not oppose the renewal of the variance but it did request that the lot be paved and the fence repaired. The lot was paved and a new picket fence installed. Looks very good. Quite a contrast to the miserable mess that the Board of Zoning Adjustment has allowed the Hunter interests to maintain at 25th and H Streets.

The center grass (?) strip on New Hampshire Avenue between H and Eye Streets has been consistently parked on day and night. Tickets have been put on quite regularly during the days but not at night.

Do we want to have the center strip removed and a one lane parking area made official? This center strip is scheduled for removal by the Highway Department eventually, when New Hampshire Avenue is repaved.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Bernice Teuteberg, Chairman

As announced in the June issue of the NEWS, our next meeting, on July 27th, will consist of a lecture and tour of St. Stephen Martyr Church and an Art Fair.

No business is scheduled for that evening unless it is of an urgent nature.

The Association does not plan to hold a meeting for the month of August.

We hope that all of you enjoyed our Area Party this month and we shall look forward to seeing all of you at our meetings of July 27 and September 28, 1964.

MR. LLOYD DUTCH

We sadly report the death of one of Foggy Bottom's long-time residents and a charter member of our Association, Mr. Lloyd Dutch of 2407 Eye Street, on Wednesday, July 8, 1964.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, who has been a member of the Association's Executive Committee since its beginning, and to other members of his family.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD RESIDENT

by Mary K. Manzoli, Historian

Mr. Thomas Cavanaugh, who lives on the northeast corner of 24th and G Streets, is one of the few early residents still living in Foggy Bottom. A talk with him amid his flowers and trees on a Sunday afternoon recently was like taking a walk through our neighborhood as it must have been sixty or seventy years ago. Mr. Cavanaugh's father and grandfather lived in Foggy Bottom and he remembers many of the stories they used to tell about our district.

Foggy Bottom was the old First Ward in the days of self-government in Washington, before June 1878. Its Irish, German and Italian residents carried considerable political weight in city affairs. Each ethnic group had its own informal organization which was not only political but social and economic as well. Mr. Cavanaugh recalls that all the groups got along well with each other but each one had its own doctors, grocery stores, and bakeries. Mr. Cavanaugh's own grandfather was one of the leaders of the early Irish settlement. As a man of education, he was much in demand as a church and civic representative of his Irish colleagues, many of whom lacked the learning to cope with the complexities of living in a new country. The proverbial clannishness of the Irish also prevailed in Foggy Bottom -- Mr. Cavanaugh remembers there was a saying that if one picked a fight with an Irishman at 17th Street, he would have to fight every Irishman clear down to the River at 27th Street before he could escape.

The Irish, and later the Italians, worked primarily at the old gasworks that stood in the squares lying between 25th and 27th Streets. The Germans mostly worked in the breweries (which we described in our last issue). A small colony of Danes lived at the foot of 23rd Street when Mr. Cavanaugh was a boy. They were the remainder of the workers who had operated the old glass factory up until about 1849. (See our issue of November 1963 for details on this factory.)

The ruins of the old glass plant still stood in the 1890's and the garbage barges stopped at the plant's little pier to collect city refuse.

Later, as the land was filled in and the Tiber Creek and Washington Channel virtually disappeared, the barges could no longer come into the 23rd Street area and then began making their stops instead near the end of what is now Virginia Avenue.

In the days of Mr. Cavanaugh's father, much of the Foggy Bottom area was higher land than it is now -- the miasmic marshes of legend were at the foot of the 23rd Street hill but most of the Virginia Avenue area was gently sloping high ground.

The street levels were lowered to just about their present grade during "Boss" Shepherd's administration in the 1870's. This colorful and forceful advocate of massive public works and city modernization created the Washington we know, although his tactics and alleged corruption were largely responsible for the end of self-government in the District.

In Foggy Bottom, his street building activities cut and leveled ground to considerably below the original level at the site of Mr. Cavanaugh's house which stands ten feet or more above the streets at 24th and G Streets. The large tree on the corner of his lot was planted by his father in 1875 and at that time most of the land in that area was ten or more feet above the present level.

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The International Campaign for Monuments opened at UNESCO headquarters in Paris on June 2, 1964. The Co-Chairmen of the American Landmarks Celebration will shortly be seeking the cooperation of many organizations, agencies, and individual citizens throughout the nation, with a view to implementing a dynamic nation-wide program.

The aim of the American Landmarks Celebration is to draw the nation-wide attention of American public opinion, the most powerful force in the land, to the acute need for militant action to safeguard the richness and diversity of America's architectural, historical, and natural heritage. In the words of Mrs. Johnson, "The Celebration will awaken and renew an interest and pride in the greatness of our vast inheritance, and the vital necessity of its preservation in this changing world. It is the privilege and responsibility of each American to know and appreciate his rich heritage, and to insure that generations yet to come will have this same opportunity."



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OUR 85th ANNIVERSARY

OLD "STATE" UNDERGOES CHANGES

The historic four story brick building at 2109 Pennsylvania Avenue that was occupied by the State Department from September 1800 to May 1801 has now taken on a new role in Washington life. It is now a brightly-hued restaurant.

Here guests dine and drink at red cloth-covered tables and listen as the new proprietor tells them the history of the building which has been painted barnyard buff. The interior has been redecorated simulating a barn, with the walls painted black and overlaid with spaced strips of plywood resembling vertical planks. Still intact are the handsome marble mantels and overmirrors in what was formerly the double drawing room and dining room, now opened into one huge dining room.

The building, recommended for marking as an historic site by the District's Committee on Plaques, is one of the famous "six buildings" of the Federal City erected in 1795 by the real estate syndicate of Greenleaf, Morris and Nicholson.

They were started as part of a contract with the Commissioners of the District to build 20 homes annually in the Federal City, but they had to be built according to Commissioners' specifications.

According to research by the Committee on Plaques there was some doubt that the six houses met the

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specifications and the syndicate abandoned the project before completion. The property was sold to Isaac Pollock who completed the houses. They were assessed at \$2000 each in 1800; recently, the one remaining was sold for more than \$100,000.

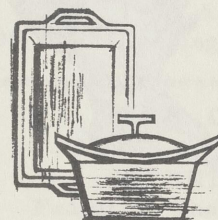
John Marshall was Secretary of State when the Department's eight employees moved out of the overcrowded executive office, the Treasury Building today, at 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, and into 2109 Pennsylvania Avenue. In May 1801, the State Department moved to a public building west of the White House.

The British Legation was in the house for several months in 1822 and many famous persons have occupied the six buildings in the intervening years, among them James and Dolley Madison.

In his "Life and Letters of Dolley Madison", Allen Clark said: "Mr. Madison's landlord was the firm Jonah Thompson and Richard Veitch, merchants of Alexandria, Va. . . . The Madisons likely lived in No. 2113."

Early records show that Sam Houston, Governor of Tennessee, U. S. Senator and first President of the State of Texas in later years had his residence where formerly was the Navy Office, and Richard Rush, the eminent statesman, also resided in the row. (Taken from a column by Marie Smith in The Washington Post of Sunday, July 12, 1964.)

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ASSOCIATION OFFICERS ELECTED

At the regular monthly meeting on June 29 the new officers and executive committee of the Association were elected by the unanimous vote of the members present.

The Association re-elected William L. Simon to the office of President. Others elected to office were:

Vice President	Donald J. Carbone 2400 Pennsylvania Avenue
Secretary	Ruth Streedbeck 2515 K Street
Treasurer	Elizabeth Davis 2413 Eye Street

All members of the executive committee were re-elected: Mrs. Lloyd Dutch, Harriet Gruger, Alex Wiskup.

FATHER RANIERI CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The Reverend Rudolph L. Ranieri, Jr., the senior curate of St. Paul's Church, kept the tenth anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood on 2 July, and celebrated a High Mass at 7:00 A.M., followed by a parish breakfast.

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The Shakespeare Summer Festival, which has now become an annual event, opened last week at Sylvan Theatre (on Washington Monument Grounds) for its fourth season with "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

Presented in full costume, in the classical Greek style, this story is among the most comical of the writings of the Bard. The magical and mysterious events that take place in the forest just outside of Athens weave an enchanting story.

Ellie Chamberlain, Festival Producer, is pleased to announce that again this year, for the second time, the play has a professional cast. The play is scheduled for every evening except Mondays through the 9th of August. Curtain time is 8:30 P.M.

While the Shakespeare Summer Festival is free of charge, its continued success and growth depend on tangible public support. It is hoped that through this support the Festival can grow into a full summer season, offering several productions each year.

Contributions may be placed in containers that have been placed at strategic points around the Theatre, or they may be mailed to the "Summer Shakespeare Festival" at Post Office Box 4991, Cleveland Park Station, Washington 8, D. C.

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FROM OUR CHURCHES

CONCORDIA CHURCH

Dr. Henry C. Koch, the pastor of Concordia United Church of Christ, 20th and G Streets, will be away on his vacation through the second week of August. Guest speakers during this time will be:

July 19 - The Reverend Edwin B. Naylor of Sepulveda, California; Assistant to the President of the Southwest Pacific Synod of the Lutheran Church of America.

July 26 - Colonel Richard W. Jungfer, Jr., Command Chaplain of the Army Materiel Command.

August 2 - The Reverend Gottlieb Siegenthaler, D. D. of Baltimore; a past president of the Potomac Synod, he has been active in many denominational offices.

August 9 - Colonel Richard W. Jungfer, Jr.

All July and August services are held at 10:00 A. M. Bible School classes for children will be held simultaneously. The public is most cordially invited.

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SUNDAYS

Matins at 7:45 A. M. and Low Mass at 8:00 A. M.
Sung Mass and Church School at 9:00 A. M.
High Mass and Sermon at 11:15 A. M.
Solemn Evensong and Benediction at 8:00 P. M.

DAILY

Matins at 6:45 A. M. Low Mass at 7:00 A. M. and
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MASSES AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Weekdays 6:30 and 7:30 A. M. - Monday 6:30 P. M.

Sunday - 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12:10, and 12:55 P. M.
(11:00 is always a sung High Mass)

Confessions: during 7:30 A. M. Mass daily
Saturday: 4 to 6 and 7:30 to 9 P. M.

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* Aug. Oscar Strauss' CHOCOLATE SOLDIER *
* 5-6 Sigmund Romberg's MAYTIME *
* Aug. Rudolf Friml's THE FIRE FLY *
* 7-8 Noel Coward's BITTERSWEET *
* Aug. Franz Lehar's MERRY WIDOW *
* 9-11 Sigmund Romberg's STUDENT PRINCE *
* Aug. Rudolf Friml's ROSEMARIE *
* 12-13 Romberg's GIRL OF THE GOLDEN WEST *

PAT PATTERS ON

. . . About the postcards from Marianthe and Peter Mellonas telling of the wonderful vacation they have been having; but also telling of how much they miss their Foggy Bottom friends and neighbors.....they send regards to all and look forward to returning in October

. . . About Dan Dolgin's (KEYSTONE PHARMACY) slipped disc, keeping him immobile for more than 2 miserable months now... he's been in and out of the hospital (G. W.) a number of times ... Hope you're back on your feet again real soon, Dan - but don't worry about "who's keeping the store" - Bunny, Cy, Fred and the rest are doing a good job

. . . About the upcoming Operetta Film Festival at the Circle Theatre - the Jeanette MacDonald-Nelson Eddy combination will be around for many years to come on celluloid but this will be a good time to see (or to re-see) these unforgettable films

. . . About the fact that it's still not too late for a D. C. resident to register and vote in the November elections ... besides being able to register at the District Building daily, you will be able to do so at the local precinct (Francis School) on September 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19 those who registered for the Primary and Presidential previously need not re-register in order to vote in November

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. . . About the return to Foggy Bottom of Irish Dick Duggan from the Pacific Northwest ... and his plan to depart temporarily again in September...the departure being occasioned by his marriage September 26th to Swedish Gloria Edstrom, whom he will be bringing to the east coast... 'Tis doubtful that the editor will drive the Spyder to the west coast, as suggested, to participate in the festivities...but he will be there

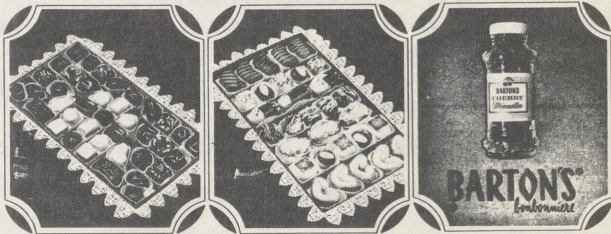
. . . About K Street's being defoliated, even before the Convention was over

. . . About a fascinating article by Fred Blumenthal that will appear in Parade Magazine in the near future ... and the even more fascinating stories that are a part of the background material

. . . About the new paint job at "Frank's" (Plaza Food Mart) and how it helps dress up the entrance to Snow's Court

. . . About the uselessness of the stop light at 20th and Eye Streets -- as well as other intersections around the city -- where the "cross street" doesn't really "cross" ... Eye is one way east, east of 20th and one way west, west of 20th, in effect not really crossing at all

. . . About how much he's enjoyed "putting out" the NEWS this year

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